



Gay Event Runs Full Week

Snow Carnival Of South To Be Welcomed Monday

Watauga County, the South's "Ski Capital," began making final plans this week to welcome the second annual Snow Carnival of the South. The week-long salute to winter sports opens Monday, Feb. 9, and continues through Monday, Feb. 16.

The mountain celebration, sponsored by the North Carolina Winter Sports Association, will include two intercollegiate ski meets, a gala Snow Ball at which a new snow queen will be crowned, and various special events at each of the area's five major ski centers.

Seven Devils and Sugar Mountain will offer half-price skiing and equipment rental during the week.

Cooperating with the Winter Sports Association are the chambers of commerce of Boone, Blowing Rock and Avery County.

The National Junior College Athletic Association's Invitational Ski Championship will be held Monday, Feb. 16, at Beech Mountain.

For sledding, the long slope in front of the president's home at Appalachian State University will be open to the public during the Snow Carnival week.

Preliminary judging will be held this weekend for contestants to succeed Miss Pat Mazingo of Charlotte as Snow Carnival Queen. Final judging will be held the following week, with the new queen crowned at the Snow Ball Saturday night, Feb. 14, at Seven Devils.

Snow Carnival Events Schedule

Monday, February 9

Ice sculpture contests at all ski resorts. Entries must be completed by 5 p. m.
11 a. m.—5 p. m.—Art Show, Regional Gallery of Art, Boone (paintings by noted artists Hiram Williams and William B. Stephens of Gainesville, Fla., formerly of ASU).
12 noon—5 p. m.—Southern Intercollegiate Ski Meet, Beech Mountain.
7 p. m.—Dinner and Square Dance with mountain clog dancing. Sugar Mountain (reservations by 5 p. m.). Winners of ice sculpture contests to be announced.

Tuesday, February 10

11 a. m.—5 p. m.—Art Show, Regional Gallery of Art, Boone.
9 a. m.—12 noon—Southern Intercollegiate Ski Meet, Beech Mountain.
7 p. m.—"Beechkommer Party," Beech Mountain (reservations for dinner by 5 p. m.).

Wednesday, February 11

11 a. m.—5 p. m.—Art Show, Regional Gallery of Art, Boone.
7 p. m.—"Snow Carnival Dinner-Dance," Appalachian Ski Mountain (reservations for dinner by 5 p. m.).
10—10:30 p. m.—Torchlight Ski Exhibition, Appalachian Ski Mountain.

Thursday, February 12

11 a. m.—5 p. m.—Art Show, Regional Gallery of Art, Boone.
8 p. m.—"Bavarian Beer Fest," Seven Devils. Free beer from 8 p. m. to 9 p. m. Dancing until 1 a. m.

Friday, February 13

11 a. m.—5 p. m.—Art Show, Regional Gallery of Art, Boone.
4 p. m.—Snow Carnival Parade, downtown Boone.
5 p. m.—Reception Regional Gallery of Art, Boone.
9 p. m.—Dance, Eseeola Pavilion, Linville. Dinner during normal hours at Eseeola Lodge. Reservations required.

Saturday, February 14

11 a. m.—5 p. m.—Art Show, Regional Gallery of Art, Boone.
8 p. m.—SNOW BALL, Seven Devils. Advance ticket sales at Boone Chamber of Commerce (\$10 per couple, not including dinner). BYOL. 8:30 p. m.—Crowning of 1970 Snow Queen. Apres ski events at all ski resorts.

Sunday, February 15

Special services for skiers at area churches.
7 a. m.—Catholic mass in Members Lounge, Beech Mountain.
10 a. m.—Protestant services in Reception Center, Beech Mountain.
2—4 p. m.—Art Show, Regional Gallery of Art, Boone.
Monday, February 16
12 noon—5 p. m.—National Junior College Athletic Association Invitational Ski Championship, Beech Mountain.

Special Notes: All participating ski resorts will offer half-price skiing and equipment rental on February 9-12 and February 16.

Night skiing at Appalachian Ski Mountain from 7 to 10 p. m. Tuesday through Sunday, except 6 to 9 p. m. on Saturday.

Dr. Wey Inaugural Is Being Planned

Gov. Robert W. Scott will speak on the Appalachian State University campus Friday, April 24 at the inauguration of the institution's fourth president, Dr. Herbert W. Wey.

A former Dean of the Graduate School at ASU, Dr. Wey was serving as Associate Dean of the College of Education at the University of Miami before he returned to Appalachian as president last August.

Gov. Scott will deliver the inaugural address at 2 p. m. in ASU's Varsity Gymnasium and the ceremonies will be open to the public.

Special invited guests will include top state officials as well as educational leaders from throughout the state and region.

An Inaugural Committee chaired by Bob Allen, Director of Public Affairs at the university, is making arrangements for the one-day event.

The committee includes Mrs. Keo K. Pritchett, administrative assistant to the president, as secretary; Mrs. Robert C. Rivers, a trustee; Dr. O. K. Webb, Dean of Student Affairs who is representing the student voice on the committee; Dr. Paul Sanders, Provost, representing

plained the workings of the county budget.

Perry Greene told the crowd of about 100 that the general fund which operates the county government is comprised of 20 cents of each tax dollar locally collected. That is the maximum amount allowed by state law, he said.

Therefore in order to get more money into the general fund, Greene said the Commission increased the tax rate and decreased the tax rate. The

combination resulted in an increase in tax revenue.

Pointing out that the tax ratio applies to all property, Greene itemized increases in expenses which prompted the Commissioners to increase taxes. The figures are for the 1969-70 fiscal year which ends this summer and reflect that much increase over the previous fiscal year.

General Fund, \$15,500 increase. (Continued on page two)

APPEAL GROWING LOCALLY—An ever increasing percentage of those thousands of skiers who come to the area slopes every year is comprised of Watauga residents. Meeting during a recent ski afternoon are Dr. William Derrick (left), an MD from Boone, and Lewis Gaston of Rocky Mountain Heights. (Staff photo)

FISH Aimed At Aiding In Household Crises

If a member of your family goes to the hospital, and you need a babysitter in a hurry, FISH can help.

If there is a wreck and someone is needed to help you at home, FISH can be of service.

In any kind of immediate crisis, this new organization can lend a helping hand. Its services also are expected to include non-crisis services such as providing someone to visit the sick, or someone to read to a blind person.

Although initiators are not certain of the exact scope of this new program, they are fast at work to get set up in the next several days.

Simultaneously expressing need and the desire to serve, the code letters of the organization mean, simply: Friend, I Seek Help.

At 7:30 Thursday night, Feb. 12, initiators of the program will hold a meeting to which all interested persons are invited.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Boone is allowing them the use of the church's Parish Hall for the session.

According to Arnold McEntire, chairman of FISH, the drive for the service organization was initiated by Dr. John Fish in conjunction with the Rev. Bob Young, Leland Cooper and others.

Now in the process of forming an advisory board, FISH hopes to give all interested persons an opportunity to join and work with the program before

it is formalized. At present its representatives are looking into community services provided by other organizations. After determining "what the community needs are likely to be," McEntire says a training program will be established "so our people can handle them."

FISH is not unique to the area, the chairman says, but is patterned after unaffiliated programs operating particularly in the Northeast.

Whether in crisis or service situations, "It's a person-to-

Kickoff For Heart Fund To Be On Saturday

The kickoff luncheon for the Heart Fund campaign in Watauga County will be held at noon Saturday at the Holiday Inn.

The Dutch luncheon will be served through the buffet line at \$1.50 per plate plus tax and tip.

Mrs. Wade Wilmoth will have charge of the program and show a film concerning the heart cause.

Mrs. Glenn Hodges, chairman of the Watauga County Unit, says the meeting will provide workers an opportunity to meet each other and get ready for the cooperative effort to raise money for cardiovascular research.

Ralph Yates Is New President Watauga YDC

Watauga's Young Democrats Friday elected Ralph Yates of Vilas as their president for the coming year.

Yates succeeds Mrs. Glenn Hodges, who served the unexpired term of Jerry Perry. Installed along with the new president were Betty Belle Greene, first vice-president; Joe Hartley, secretary; and Ranny Phillips, treasurer.

In his address to the club, Yates said it is time for Democrats in North Carolina to stand up and be counted for the Democratic Party.

He said he did not think the Democratic Party in North Carolina was a dead and defeated party, but the same party that had provided sound and able leadership for the People of

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GOP Keeps Miller As Chairman; Greene Lists Co. Tax Increases

County Republicans re-elected Cecil Miller as county chairman in convention Saturday at the Courthouse in Boone.

O. J. Coffey, re-elected as secretary, kept the records as convention chairman Jim Holsinger accepted the credentials of the precincts.

Miller's other supporting officers also were re-elected. Mrs. Lura Greene is vice-chairman, Joe Sherwood is treasurer and Ralph Hayes is finance chairman.

Thirty-three delegates to the district and state conventions were selected. The district convention will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, in Gastonia and the state convention will be Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21 in Winston-Salem.

Clyde R. Greene, immediate past Mayor of Boone, was elected to serve on the State Executive Committee.

TAX HIKE
The chairman of the County Board of Commissioners ex-



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN'S FRIENDLY BEAR Mildred is like everyone else who is looking forward to the Snow Carnival of the South at Boone February 9 through 15, but she is going to stick to sledding instead of skis.—Hugh Morton Photo.

Weed Quotas Cut Sharply

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin has announced a slice of about 10 per cent in 1970 burley tobacco acreage allotments. He said the action would create economic problems for growers.

This year's burley allotment will be 224,549 acres, compared with 249,397 in 1969, the announcement said.

Hardin said the Agriculture Department "is prepared to work with producers and the entire burley industry to improve the program so it will be kept sound and can continue to work under changing conditions."

Burley tobacco, used mostly for cigarettes, is grown principally in Kentucky, Tennessee, Western North Carolina, Southwestern Virginia, West Vir-

ginia, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri.

Hardin said the cutback is the minimum he could make under existing law. He also said that acreage-pounding quotas will not be announced for this year's crop.

The department said that after burley acreage reductions three years running in 1964-66 production was less than consumption and resulted in a cutback in supplies.

However, last year's record high yields and decreased usage indicate current supplies may exceed demand, the department said. The present burley stockpile is about 1.9 billion pounds,

the department said, or enough on hand for 3.3 years.

"It is generally agreed that a desirable level of supply for burley is about 2.8 years," the announcement said.

Last year's crop value was estimated at \$404 million.

Filing Time!

As usual the Democrat will carry without charge announcements of those who file for office locally, together with one column picture. These announcements will need to be kept of a reasonable length and must be submitted, with black and white picture the week before date of intended publication.